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NREPC Sets 1999 Environmental Priorities

The KY Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet (NREPC) has set its priorities for 1999. The top ten priorities of NREPC Secretary James Bickford are as follows.

1). Illegal Dumping- Over the past 3 years the cabinet has focused attention on illegal dumping. Last year surveillance cameras were placed at active dumps to tape violators. Since the illegal dumping initiative began, Department for Environmental Protection (DEP) inspectors have investigated 2,000 dumps and issued 1,200 Notices of Violation. To date 500 dumps have been cleaned up by responsible parties.

2). Regionalization of Water/Sewer Systems - One problem, which plagues many small communities in the Commonwealth, is adequate water/sewer treatment. These communities either lack the facilities or the resources to hire and keep qualified operators or maintain the facility. One solution is for several communities to combine water/sewer treatment operations at a regional level to share and lower the cost of operations and maintenance.

3). Scrap Tire Cleanup - During the past few years the cabinet has worked to cleanup dumps containing more than 3 million waste tires. The cabinet will now focus on implementing the Tire Amnesty Program passed by the 1998 General Assembly. During the next 3 years, every county in the state will hold an amnesty day to allow citizens to dispose of waste tires free of charge.

4). Implementation of Forestry Act - The Division of Forestry is implementing the 1998 Forest Conservation Act, including holding Master Logger training programs for state foresters and finalizing forestry regulations. Nominations for the Forestry Best Management

Practices Board have been received and appointments are scheduled to be made later this year.

5). Remining/Remediation - Remining and remediation of pre-1977 surface mining law sites is a relatively new cabinet initiative. The cabinet is en-

couraging remining/remediation to address problem mine sites. Remediation is also desired for old abandoned mine sites where remining is not feasible. The cabinet has identified sites across the state and is using money from the Abandoned Mine Lands Fund to pay for the remediation. An example is the reclamation of Ketchup Lake near Madisonville, a 240-acre site costing \$4 million to reclaim.

6). Brownfields - Brownfields are former urban industrial sites with varying levels of pollution. Cleanup and redevelopment of these sites is the goal of this initiative. The City of Louisville has worked with the Cabinet on a successful brownfields project and has other projects underway.

7). EMPOWER Kentucky -Progress continues to be made to implement electronic permitting in the Dept. for Surface Mining. Some portions of permit applications are now being received and reviewed electronically. The intent is to help decrease time for processing permits and aid in the timely issuance of permits. Electronic permitting is also underway in DEP.

8). Simplification of Regulations -This initiative involves the removal of technical language from Cabinet regulations to make them more easily understood by the regulated community. An internal Cabinet protocol has also been established to help reduce the complexity of regulations.

9). Recycling - The cabinet will be attempting to increase awareness of the importance of recycling and will encourage recycling efforts at state offices, schools, and local government offices.

10). Revise the Notice of Violation Process -The cabinet has been reviewing the process for resolving enforcement actions following the issuance of a Notice of Violation. A team has reviewed this problem and made recommendations to decrease the amount of time for enforcement actions to be completed. One of the keys to improving this area will be the implementation of a tracking system within DEP.

For more information about these priorities contact Mark York, NREPC Secretary's Office, 502-564-3350.

MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

Jan. 22-24 - Sierra Club Activist Weekend - KY Leadership Ctr. Contact: Pennie Dubarry, 502-499-8001.

Master Logging Training Programs - Jan. 12, 19 & 26, Hopkins Co.; Jan. 13, 20 & 27, Hardin Co.; Feb. 17, 24 & Mar. 3, Carter Co.; Feb. 18, 25 & Mar. 4, Pulaski Co.; Mar. 10, 17 & 24, Breathitt Co.; Mar. 11, 18 & 25, Bell Co.; Apr. 7, 14 & 21, Hopkins Co.; and Apr. 8, 15 & 22, Hardin Co. Contact: KY Master Logger Office, 800-859-6006.

Petroleum Storage Tank Environmental Assurance Fund Public Information Sessions - Jan. 20, Ashland Plaza Hotel, Ashland; April 21, University Plaza Hotel, Bowling Green; and July 21 Executive Inn West, Louisville. Contact: Nancy Tanner, 502-564-5981.

Feb. 26 - KY Water Resources Annual Symposium - Wyndham Garden, Lexington. Contact: Kim King, UK, 606-257-4634.

March 3 & 4 - KY Forest Industries Assoc. Annual Meeting - Holiday Inn, Hurstbourne, Louisville. Contact: KFIA, 502-695-3979.

March 23-24 - Enhancement of Reforestation at Surface Coal Mines: Technical Interactive Forum - Drawbridge Inn, Ft. Mitchell. Contact: Kimery Vories, OSM, 618-463-6463, ext. 103.

PUBLIC NOTICES/HEARINGS

KY Division of Water - KPDES Water Permit Notices

***City of Mayfield**, (Graves Co.) - a modification to the pretreatment program. **Public comment due Jan. 23.** (PT 98-010). Contact: Judy Ziegler, DOW, 502-564-3410.

***St. Luke's Episcopal Church**, Louisville (Jefferson Co.) - New sanitary discharge from the church's day care center into the Middle Fork of Beargrass Creek. **Public Hearing** - Anchorage Public School cafeteria **Jan. 19** (6:00 pm). Contact: Sue Davis, 502-564-3410.

***United Parcel Service**, (Jefferson Co.) - Discharge of aircraft deicing fluid, etc, to Duck Spring Branch. **Public Hearing** - Central Gov't Ctr, Louisville. Contact: Courtney Seitz, 502-564-3410.

***23 Water Discharge Permit Issuances/Reissuances** - (Public Notice 1998 41-42). Contact: Judy Ziegler, 502-564-3410, ext. 465.

KY Division of Waste Management - Hazardous Waste Notices

***Safety-Klean Systems, Inc.**, Lexington (Fayette Co.) - Draft permit to incorporate name change and facility operational design and administrative upgrades. A tentative **Public Hearing** is scheduled for **Feb. 17** at 7 pm at the Lexington Public Library.

***Safety-Klean Systems, Inc.**, Ashland (Boyd Co.) - Draft permit to incorporate a company name change and facility operational design and administrative upgrades. A **Public Hearing** is scheduled for **Feb. 24** at 7 pm at the Boyd Co. Public Library. Contact: Michael Welch, DWM, 502-564-6716.

KY Division of Waste Management - UST Notices

***Minit Mart**, 1581 E. Broadway, Campbellsville (1978-109)

***Chevron**, 2501 Bardstown Rd, Louisville (4910-056)

***Chevron**, 4124 Ft. Campbell Blvd. Hopkinsville (4957-024)

The above notice involves corrective action plans to remediate groundwater or soil contamination from an underground storage tank. Contact: Roy Johnson, 502-564-6716, ext. 223.

KY Division for Air Quality - Notices

***Progress Rail Service**, Covington (Kenton Co.) - synthetic minor Title V operating permit for railcar repair facility. (log# F860)

***Accuride Corp.**, Henderson (Henderson Co.) - Title V operating permit for truck wheel manufacturer. (log#F505)

***American Electric Power**, Louisa (Lawrence Co.) - phase II acid rain operating permit for electric power generating plant. (log#525)

***E. KY Power Coop.**, Maysville (Mason Co.) & Burnside (Pulaski Co.) - phase II acid rain operating permit. (log#sF436 & F435)

***KY Utilities Co.**, Pineville (Bell Co.), Ghent (Carroll Co.), Central City (Muhlenburg Co.), Tyrone (Woodford Co.), & Burgin (Mercer Co.) - phase II acid rain operating permit. (log#s F416, F415, F414, F417 & F413)

***Louisville Gas & Electric Co.**, Wises Landing (Trimble Co.) - phase II acid rain operating permit. (log#F526)

***Owensboro Municipal Utilities**, Owensboro (Daviess Co.) - phase II acid rain operating permit. (log#E479)

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Environmental Quality Commission
Meeting Announcement

EQC Public Meeting

January 27, 1999

Room 111, Capitol Annex, Frankfort

1pm Open Meeting, Approve Minutes

1:10 Review Proposed Air, Forestry and Surface
Mining regulations

2:30 Status Report: KY Forest Conservation Act

3:00 Adjourn

Meeting with NREPC Officials 10:30 am, Capitol Plaza Tower. All EQC meetings are free and open to the public. Meeting facilities are accessible to people with disabilities. Auxiliary aids, interpreters, and other services will be provided upon request by contacting EQC.

Public Notices Continued - from page 1

***Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)**, Paducah (McCracken Co.) & Paradise (Muhlenburg Co.) - phase II acid rain operating permit. (log#'s E496 & F495)

***Western KY Energy**, Hawesville (Hancock Co.), Centertown (Ohio Co.), & Sebree, 3 plants, (Webster Co.) - phase II acid rain operating permit. (log#'s F498, F497, F499, F500, & F501)

***Cinergy Corp.**, East Bend (Boone Co.) - phase II acid rain operating permit. (log#F490)

***E. KY Power Coop.**, Ford (Clark Co.) - phase II acid rain operating permit. (log#F433)

***Donovan Comm. Ind.**, Nortonville (Hopkins Co.) - conditional major source construction/operating permit for explosive waste detonation containment operation. (log#F589)

***GE Ind. Control Systems**, Owensboro (Daviess Co.) - Title V operating permit for electric motor components finishing & assembly plant. (log#F443)

***Saturn Machine & Welding**, Sturgis (Union Co.) - conditional major source operating permit for coke oven equipment manufacturing plant. (log#E920)

***KY Electric Steel Co.**, Coalton (Boyd Co.) - synthetic minor Title V operating plant for steel mill. (log#E982)

***Fischer Special Mfg. Co.**, Cold Springs (Campbell Co.) - Title V operating permit for specialty metal parts fabrication plant. (log#F503)
Contact: Bill Dills, Div. Air Quality, 502-573-3382.

U.S. EPA Underground Injection Wells - Notices

***Ohio/KY Oil Corp.**, Adair Co. (KY98UIC026), **Southern Triangle Oil Co.**, Ohio Co. (KY98UIC025) - notice of proposed issuance of underground injection control permit.

***Herman Loeb**, Magoffin Co. (KY98UIC027), **Robinson Engineering & Oil Co.**, Henderson Co. (KY98UIC028) - notice of intent to terminate an underground injection control permit..

Contact: William Mann, US EPA, Groundwater/Drinking Water Branch at 404-562-9429, ext. 29452.

FEDERAL NOTICES

***Draft USDA/EPA Unified Strategy for Animal Feeding Operations** - A national strategy for addressing environmental problems at confined animal feedlot operations. **Comments due Jan. 19.** Contact: Denise Coleman, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, ATTN: AFO, PO Box 2890, Washington DC 20013-2890 or email (denise_c.coleman@usda.gov). The strategy can be viewed on the web at <http://www.nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/cleanwater/afo/>

***TVA Shoreline Management Initiative - public comment by Jan. 31** on residential shoreline development impacts in the Tenn. River Valley which includes KY Lake. *Contact: Tere McDonough, TVA, 423-632-1539.*

\$ Funding Sought for KY Environthon Project \$

The Kentucky Environthon is seeking sponsorship to assist with the state's first Environthon program and contest. Environthon is a national problem-solving competition for high school students. The first statewide competition will be held April 16-17, 1999. The state's 121 Conservation Districts and numerous agencies and organizations are working together to make this competition available to high school students. Students will test their knowledge in five areas: soils, forestry, wildlife, aquatics and a current environmental issue. Funds are now being sought from the business community and others to help host the state competition, provide awards and t-shirts, and help sponsor the winning team in the national competition. If your business or organization would like to contribute or would like more information please contact Steve Coleman, Div. of Conservation at 502-564-3080.

PROPOSED STATE REGULATIONS

Division of Forestry

***Master Logger Program (402 KAR 3:020) and Timber Harvesting Best Management Practices (402 KAR 3:030).** **Public Hearing Jan. 26**, 10 am, Dept. for Nat. Res., 663 Teton Trail, Frankfort. *Contact: Larry Lowe, 502-564-4496.*

Division for Air Quality

***Chemical accident prevention and risk management (401 KAR 68:010, 020, 048, 065, 090, 100, 150, and 200).** **Public Hearing Jan. 22**, 10 am, Div. for Air Quality, 803 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort.

***Nitrogen Oxides** - Notice of Intent to implement federal mandates to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions at coal-burning power plants (KAR 51:100, 110, 120, 130, and 140). **Public Hearing Jan. 28** at 10 am, Div. for Air Quality, 803 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort. *Contact Millie Ellis, DAQ, 502-573-3382.*

Dept. for Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement

***Performance Bonds** - Emergency regulation (405 KAR 10:010E) incorporating a new form for performance bonds on federal lands. A notice of intent has been filed for permanent regulations (405 KAR 10:010). **Public Hearing Jan. 28**, 10 am, DSMRE, 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort.

***Reclamation in Lieu of Cash** - New regulation (405 KAR 7:097) to provide reclamation in lieu of cash payment of civil penalties. **Public Hearing Feb. 25** *Contact: Jim Villines, 502-564-6940.*

GRANTS

***Watershed Grants** - River Network, a national organization, will distribute grants from \$2,000 to \$30,000 to support partnerships to protect watersheds. **Proposals due Jan. 29.** *Contact: RiverNetwork's web site at www.rivernetwork.org, or phone 503-241-3506.*

PUBLICATIONS

***State of the River: a Report on the Condition of the Salt River Watershed, Little KY and minor Ohio River tributaries; and The Licking River Region in Kentucky: Status and Trends** - *Contact: Lee Colton, Div. of Water, 502-564-3410 or view on the web at <http://water.nr.state.ky.us/dow/watrshd.htm>*

***Dept. for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Citizen's Guide** - *Contact DSMRE, 502-564-2340.*

Vote for Next KY Environmental License Plate

The KY Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board is giving people with a valid drivers license a chance to vote on the next nature license plate. A ballot is available on-line at (<http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/nrepc/dnr/dnrhome2.htm>) or by calling Caragh Maloney at the Fish and Wildlife Resources Dept. at 502-564-3400. **Ballots must be in by March 31.**



Do you know someone that is doing their part to protect the environment? Why not nominate them for an EQC Earth Day Award. To nominate a person, group, government official, or business send their name and address, phone number, and one page-summary describing their efforts by March 20 to EQC. The name, phone number and address of the person making the nomination should also be included. EQC will celebrate the 29th anniversary of Earth Day on April 22 in Frankfort.

EQC Earth Day Awards